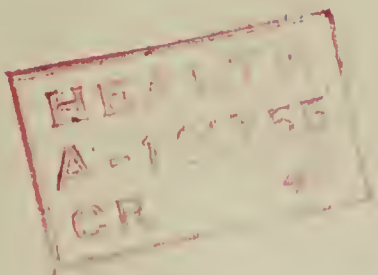


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PADSTOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

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YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER.1954.

STAFF.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

J.Reed. M.B., Ch.b., B.Sc., D.P.H.

SURVEYOR & SANITARY INSPECTOR.

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Mr.Chairman and Councillors,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1954.

The town appears now to be in a much safer position regarding its water supply, a connection having been made with the Wadebridge De Lank supply. Owing to the very wet season it was not necessary to supplement the towns normal supply from Crackrattle. Following the request in the Housing Rent and Repairs Act,1954, a rough estimate of substandard property has been made, and without much difficulty 100 dwellings have been classified as unfit for human habitation. It seems a little pointless in making any observations on this problem which appears to be far beyond the means of the Council to solve. It is probable that much of this property will continue in its present state for a very long time to come.

I should like to express my thanks to the Council for their help during the year.

1. STATISTICS.

General Statistics.

Area in Acres.	3,343.
Estimated Mid Year Population.	2,880.
Number of Inhabited Houses.	1,050.
Product of Penny Rate.	£92.
Rateable Value.	£22,983.
Comparability Factor.	
(a) Births.	0.97.
(b) Deaths.	0.77.

Vital Statistics.

Live Births.

Number of Live Births Registered 1954.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate.	22	31	53
Illegitimate.	-	1	1
Total.	22	32	54
Birth Rate per 1,000 population.		18.7	
Birth Rate per 1,000 population England & Wales.		15.2	

Still Births.

One male child was still-born.

Infant Deaths.

One infant death was recorded, occurring in the neo-natal period.



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Deaths.

Number of Deaths Registered, 1954.

<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
13	19	32
Death Rate per 1,000 population.		11.1.
Death Rate per 1,100 population England & Wales.		11.3

Distribution of Deaths by Diseases.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Heart Disease.	5	4	9
Cerebro Vascular Disease.	4	5	9
Respiratory Disease excluding tuberculosis.	-	-	-
Tuberculosis.	1	-	1
Cancer.	2	3	5
Accident and Suicide.	-	2	2
Other Causes.	1	5	6
	<u>13</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>32</u>

Distribution of Deaths by Ages.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
0 - 1 month.	-	1	1
1 month - 1 year.	-	-	-
1 - 20	-	-	-
21 - 40	-	2	2
41 - 60	3	3	6
61 - 70	3	2	5
71 - 80	5	6	11
81 - 90	2	4	6
91 and over.	-	1	1
	<u>13</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>32</u>

11. GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES.

Hospital Services.

No changes occurred in the hospitals serving the district during the year.

County Council Services.

No modifications in the services provided by the County Council were made during the year. The Infant Welfare Centre continued to be well attended, the average attendance being 26 per session. General nursing and midwifery services were provided by two C.C.N.A. District-Nurse Midwives, who conducted 32 confinements.

The combined prophylactic against whooping cough and diphtheria continued to be used extensively.



111. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

Water Supplies.

The town's supply continued to give water of satisfactory quality and no deficiencies were recorded. A connection was made with the Wadebridge De Lank Supply, but no additional water was required.

Results of Samples.1954.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Probable Coliform.</u>	<u>Probable. Faecal Coli.</u>
16.2.54.	=	-
31.5.54.	-	-
5.7.54.	-	-
4.8.54.	-	-
1.9.54.	5	-
6.10.54.	-	-
20.10.54.	-	-
3.11.54.	-	-
3.11.54.	-	-
10.11.54.	-	-
8.12.54.	-	-

Sewage Disposal.

No extensions to the towns sewers were made. No progress was reported on the proposal for new sewerage for the town.

Refuse Collection.

The towns refuse continued to be deposited at Credis Mine. Considerable complaint arose as the result of poor control. The site is hardly a suitable one, and unless complete control is exercised trouble is likely to recur.

Sanitary Inspection.

Summary of Visits.

Housing	20
Food Premises.	12
Other Premises.	9
Outworkers.	2
Dairies.	3
Sewerage.	5
Caravan Sites.	3
	<u>54.</u>

1V. FOOD AND DRUGS.

Food preparing premises, bakeries and kitchens were inspected during the year. Ninety four tins of foodstuffs were voluntarily surrendered by retailers as unfit for human consumption.

V. FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

Visits were made to the registered premises. No complaints were received from H.M. Inspector of Factories. One outworker was registered during the year.



VI. HOUSING.

No Council Houses were completed in 1954. Private enterprise completed eight dwellings. Three houses were dealt with under Section 11 Housing Act, 1936, and undertakings not to re-let were secured. No formal notices were served for repairs or nuisances.

VII. PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF
INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The only notified infectious diseases were two of whooping cough and two of pulmonary tuberculosis. Much as I should like to believe this was a true state of affairs in relation to infectious disease, I feel sure that such was by no means the case.

One death occurred from pulmonary tuberculosis and 6 contacts were given B.C.G. All school children aged 13 and above attended the Mass Radiography Unit in Bodmin, and all children in their 14th year were tuberculin tested and offered B.C.G. vaccination where required.

I beg to remain,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN REED.

Medical Officer of Health.

